



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 12, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Patrol Division, Police Department

SUBJECT: State Of California Office Of Traffic Safety Grant

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Accept the State of California Office of Traffic Safety Grant of \$129,851 for a driving under the influence (DUI) alcohol enforcement and education program and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the grant agreement; and
- B. Appropriate the grant allocation of \$129,851 to the Miscellaneous Grant Fund.

DISCUSSION:

In 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, and again in 2008, the California Office of Traffic Safety has awarded the City of Santa Barbara a grant for a one-year program to conduct DUI checkpoints and DUI education. The traffic enforcement grant funds a highly successful program to identify and arrest DUI drivers at DUI checkpoints, provides public education about the dangers of drinking and driving, and develops partnerships with community based organizations.

The 2008 Office of Traffic Safety grant for the City of Santa Barbara is in the amount of \$129,851 and is to be used from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. The grant will be used for personnel costs, public education, and necessary equipment. This grant will enhance public safety and increase DUI enforcement by deploying DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols on approximately 50 weekend evenings during the next year.

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SUBMITTED BY: Cam Sanchez, Police Chief

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office